

(US \$ Million)

	<i>Exports</i>	<i>Imports</i>	<i>Balance of Trade</i>
(i) July 90 1442 1713		—	271
July 91 1301 1326		—	25
(ii) Aug. 90 1446 1906		—	460
Aug. 91 1343 1505		—	162
(iii) Sep. 90 1439 2116		—	677
Sep. 91 1412 1528		—	116

Source : DGCI&amp;S, Calcutta.

**Export of Defence Equipments**

2720. PROF. RAM KAPSE:  
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TIL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake export of the items of defence production in a big-way;

(b) if so, whether there are any agents or dealers, particularly those in arms trade, involved in these deals;

(c) if so, what fool-proof methods are being adopted by the Government to ensure that export of such items which are handled by Government agencies including public sector undertakings are negotiated with utmost care and are free from under the table considerations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to create more demand of such items in the world market?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Government have already initiated steps to increase defence exports.

(b) and (c). Defence exports are undertaken directly or through agents depending upon the advantages and requirements of each transaction. Government agencies including public sector undertakings endeavour to obtain the best possible price for their products. The commission payable to agents is regulated under the prevailing RBI guidelines.

(d) Efforts to increase the export of defence goods include policy and procedural liberalisations, marketing efforts through our mission and by the production agencies as well as other export agencies and sales/publicity measures such as participation in foreign exhibitions, exchange of delegations etc.

**Social Security Cover for Plantation and Agricultural Labour**

2721. SHRI PALA K.M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to include plantation and agricultural labour also within the social security cover which is to be provided to workers with the soft loan from World Bank;

(b) whether the plantation and agricultural workers are also proposed to be given assistance from the National Renewal Fund for Workers being set up; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESH-WAR THAKUR):** (a) to (c). The various parameters of the National Renewal Fund are still under consideration of Government. The World Bank has not yet taken a decision for recycling IDA soft credit for the Renewal Fund.

[Translation]

#### Losses in Regional Rural Banks in Haryana

**2722. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of loss suffered by Regional rural Banks in Haryana during 1990-91 and

(b) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to avoid such losses?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):** (a) The working results of the Regional Rural Banks functioning in Haryana, for the financial year 1990-91, as reported by National Bank for Agriculture & rural Development (NABARD) are as under:-

(Rs. in Lakhs)

<i>Name of the bank</i>	<i>Profit (+) Loss (-)</i>
Haryana Kshetriya Gramin Bank	- 37.63
Gurgaon Gramin Bank	+ 79.40
Ambala Kurukshetra Gramin Bank	- 17.14
Hissar-Sirska Kshetriya Gramin Bank	- 17.75*

(\* Pertains to the year 1989-90. since the working results of 1990-91 are not available.)

(b) The performance of Regional Rural Banks is monitored by National Bank for Agriculture & Rural Development and the Govt. of India regularly and remedial measures are taken to improve their performance and remove their financial weaknesses.

**Minister of DEFENCE** be pleased to state:

(a) whether the missile "Rocket Aircraft" Purchased from U.S.S.R. about five years' age was tested on July 4, 1991.

[English]

#### Testing of "Rocket Aircraft" Missile

**2723. PROF. RAM KAPSE:** Will the

(b) if so, the details of the test; and

(c) the reasons for testing it after five years?